

**ARIZONA TRAUMA SYSTEM  
QUALITY ASSURANCE AND SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT (AZTQ) COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**April 17, 2008**

**150 North 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Conference Room 540-A**

**Members Present:**

Charles Allen (Chairman)	Michelle Guadnola
Linda Worthy	Debbie Johnston
Bill Ashland	Kelly Silberschlag
Richard Porter	Jane Burney
*Brenda Sutton	*Victor Garcia

**Members Absent:**

Marcia Barry  
Michelle Ziemba  
Charlann Staab  
Jeff Farkas  
Pam Goslar  
Scott Petersen  
Philip Johnson  
Marc Matthews

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Charles Allen, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Arizona Trauma System Quality Assurance and System Improvement Committee to order at 8:45 a.m.  
A quorum was present. \*Brenda Sutton and Victor Garcia attended by conference call.

**II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON JANUARY 31, 2008 MINUTES**

- A motion was made by Bill Ashland and seconded by Linda Worthy to approve the minutes of January 31, 2008. **Motion carried.**

**III. ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ITEMS:**

**A. Legislative Update – SB1149 – HB2365 Amendment**

- The trauma bill, Senate Bill 1149, failed. Some of the language was added to HB2365 as an amendment. This bill has moved forward and now includes the addition of the following representatives to the State Trauma Advisory Board:
  - A Representative From A Statewide Neurosurgical Society
  - A Representative From A Statewide Pediatric Organization
  - A Representative From A Society of Trauma Nurses
  - A Representative From A National Association of Orthopedic Trauma
  - HB2365 was also amended to include a research piece which allows trauma data to be used for research purposes. This bill has to go back to the House for a final vote and then it goes to the Governor for signature. There is an emergency clause on it which would make it effective as soon as the Governor signs it. We should know the status of the bill in the next week or two. It passed the Senate 28-0 and the Governor is expected to sign the bill.

**B. Road Show**

- In order to present to a particular hospital, we abstracted injury data, based on injury codes, from the ADHS hospital discharge and emergency department databases. We used those numbers to estimate the number of injuries within a

particular area. We have presented to:

- Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center in Show Low on January 24, 2008. The presentation provided an estimate of the number of trauma cases they may have had and that they may have been able to bill for under the uniform billing code for trauma activation.
- Yuma Regional Medical Center on March 27, 2008
- Sierra Vista Medical Center on April 22, 2008
  
- On February 13, 2008 Vicki Conditt attended the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association meeting and presented an overview of Level IV trauma center designation to 5 rural hospital CEO's.
- 2 hospitals are interested and they have applied for grant funds that were available through the Office of Rural Health which means they intend to move forward as a Level IV.
- There are a couple of other health care facilities preparing for Level IV designation.
- In the next six to eight months we hope to have four or five Level IV trauma centers onboard.
- One of the concerns is filing the claims with commercial payors.
- Currently these are the healthcare facilities we are working with regarding Level IV Designation:
  - Little Colorado in Winslow
  - Northern Cochise in Wilcox
  - Tuba City
  - Banner Page
  - Cobre Valley in Globe
  - JC Lincoln – Deer Valley
  
  - Phoenix Children's Provisional Designation (July) – Level I
  
  - Trauma centers can also bill for trauma under other UBC Codes such as Critical Care 208 and Emergency Department.
  
  - The biggest pushback is the funds for a full-time data entry person

**C. Quality Assurance Plan**

- We are in the process of getting some legal questions answered before moving forward with the Quality Assurance Plan.
- There are no other states that have a system-wide quality plan.
- Vicki Conditt asked the Committee to look over the draft Plan and give their feedback on any suggestions that they may have.
- Due to the confidentiality of the data we are working with the Attorney General's Office to incorporate what is necessary in this document to ensure legal protection.
- It was suggested that now that we have good reliable data, we need to decide what

we want to do with the data, and how we need to look at it. Once we work out the legal issues with the AG's Office, we may schedule a work group session.

**Item:** Quality Assurance Plan – Establish Work Group - Potentially  
**Follow Up:** State Trauma Advisory Board  
**When:** Before the next meeting - September 18, 2008  
**Who:** Vicki Conditt

#### **IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

##### **A. Update on Arizona State Trauma Registry – Anita Ray Ng**

###### **1. TRUG Update**

- The Arizona State Trauma Registry has completed our 2008 database change project. Data entry of January 1, 2008 forward is being captured using the new specifications. This was a time-consuming process, but will ultimately result in trauma data that is more comprehensive and more consistent with national standards. NTDB export instructions will need to be completed so that hospitals can submit their data to ACS. Flagstaff is switching to the Lancet Trauma One database for their 2008 data entry.

ADHS hosted a beginning Trauma One software training on March 24<sup>th</sup>. 27 participants attended this training. The Advanced Report Writing Training is scheduled for April 28-29<sup>th</sup>.

The Trauma Registry Users Group (TRUG) met on March 25 for our quarterly user discussion meeting. Following the TRUG meeting, the software vendor facilitated a Hospital Reporting / PI Workshop. Hospitals discussed information regarding their PI process and ACS reviews. The vendor displayed sample PI data entry screens from around the country and provided users with instructions on running compliance reports.

###### **2. Updated ASTR Data Submission Track Spreadsheet**

- Included in today's packets is a table tracking hospital data submission of 2007 trauma data to ASTR.

10 hospitals have submitted 2007 trauma data to the Arizona State Trauma Registry. Sierra Vista is expected to submit a 4th quarter 2007 data file this month. Phoenix Children's Hospital has started entering 2008 data. This will put the registry at 12 reporting hospitals. 7 of these facilities are designated Level I trauma centers.

##### **B. ASTR Data Reports –**

###### **1. Standard Public Report**

- The draft 2007 ASTR Standard Public Report was distributed to all members. Anita Ray Ng explained that the report is incomplete, as we are waiting for two hospitals to submit final quarter 2007 data. There are also some data quality issues that need to be addressed before this report can be finalized. We expect to have the final draft by the next meeting.

**V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

- April 3, 2008 – Evaluating Outcomes in Injury Prevention at University Medical Center has been cancelled.
- May 2, 2008 – Evaluating Outcomes in Injury Prevention – St. Joseph’s Hospital & Medical Center, Goldman Auditorium – 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**VI. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

- Western States Trauma System Leadership – May 4- 6, 2008

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

- The next AZTQ meeting will be held on September 18, 2008.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Approved by: AZTQ Committee

Date: September 18, 2008